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Library of Virginia's Genealogy Workshop Series Helps Researchers Find Their Stories in Virginia's Past

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – The Library of Virginia, the most comprehensive resource for records documenting the lives of Virginians, is hosting a series of genealogy workshops for those who are new to family history research or who want to delve deeper into records.

This year's **Genealogy Workshop Series** begins with a free virtual workshop on navigating the Library's digital collections and online catalog. The series also includes in-person workshops on researching African American family history, military history and architectural records. See the workshop schedule below or visit www.lva.virginia.gov/public/genealogy_workshops.

Registration is required. In-person workshops are held in the conference rooms of the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The cost is \$25 (\$20 for Library of Virginia Foundation members). For more information, contact Ashley Ramey Craig at ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3001.

The Library of Virginia's genealogy workshops are made possible in part with federal funding provided through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

2023 GENEALOGY WORKSHOP SERIES AT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

VIRTUAL GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tips & Tricks for Navigating the Library of Virginia's Website

Friday, March 10, 2023 | 10:00–11:00 a.m. | Online

Free | Registration required: <https://lva-virginia.libcal.com/event/10176906>

The Library's website is a powerful tool for anyone researching their Virginia roots. In this presentation, reference librarian Becky Schneider walks through strategies for effectively searching and browsing the Library's digital collections and online catalog, as well as options to help those who hit a brick wall.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Military Genealogy: Virginians in the First & Second World Wars

Friday, June 9, 2023 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond

\$25 (\$20 for Library of Virginia Foundation members) | Registration required: <https://bit.ly/LVA-military-genealogy>

Reference archivists Bill Bynum and Kenneth Forest present methods and resources for finding ancestors who fought in World War I & II. This workshop explores Library of Virginia records in original, microfilm and digital formats related to the World Wars — as well as selected National Archives records — and offers advice on how to use them in genealogical research.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Every House Tells a Story: How to Research the History of Your Home & Neighborhood

Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond

\$25 (\$20 for Library of Virginia Foundation members) | Registration required: <https://bit.ly/LVA-house-story>

This workshop provides research strategies for discovering the history of a particular building, including architecture, ownership, location and historical context. Focusing on records and resources available at the Library, such as governmental records, maps, newspapers, directories and other lesser-known sources, this workshop offers guidelines on conducting and recording research.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Finding Your African American Female Ancestors

Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond

\$25 (\$20 for Library of Virginia Foundation members) | Registration required: <https://bit.ly/LVA-AfAm-female-ancestor>

Reference archivist Cara Griggs provides an overview of researching African American women in Virginia from 1619 to 1920. This workshop covers records commonly used for African American genealogical research — free registers, cohabitation registers, local court records, federal census records, petitions to remain in the commonwealth and Freedmen's Bureau records — as well as the unique challenges of finding information about women in records that often focus on men, such as business, tax and military records.

Related images are available here:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/62ycrf759gp4qn5/AABBWKRp-u_B4G9eA2b5zOvYa?dl=0

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The Library of Virginia is the state's oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia's history and culture. Our online offerings attract nearly 3.8 million website visits per year, and our resources, exhibitions

and events bring in nearly 100,000 visitors each year. The Library's collections, containing more than 130 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens. The Library is located in downtown Richmond near Capitol Square at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Learn more at **www.lva.virginia.gov**.